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Victor Von Doom has lived a lifetime of devious infamy as Doctor Doom—but recent events, including the sudden, almost fatal incapacitation of Tony Stark, A.K.A. Iron Man, have inspired Doom to dedicate his life to more heroic pursuits...as the **INFAMOUS IRON MAN**.

Victor recently discovered that his mother, the dark arts master Cynthia Von Doom, was not dead as he had believed. She claimed she wanted to rekindle their relationship—but there's a dark version of Reed Richards whispering in her ear at every turn, and his motives are still unknown.

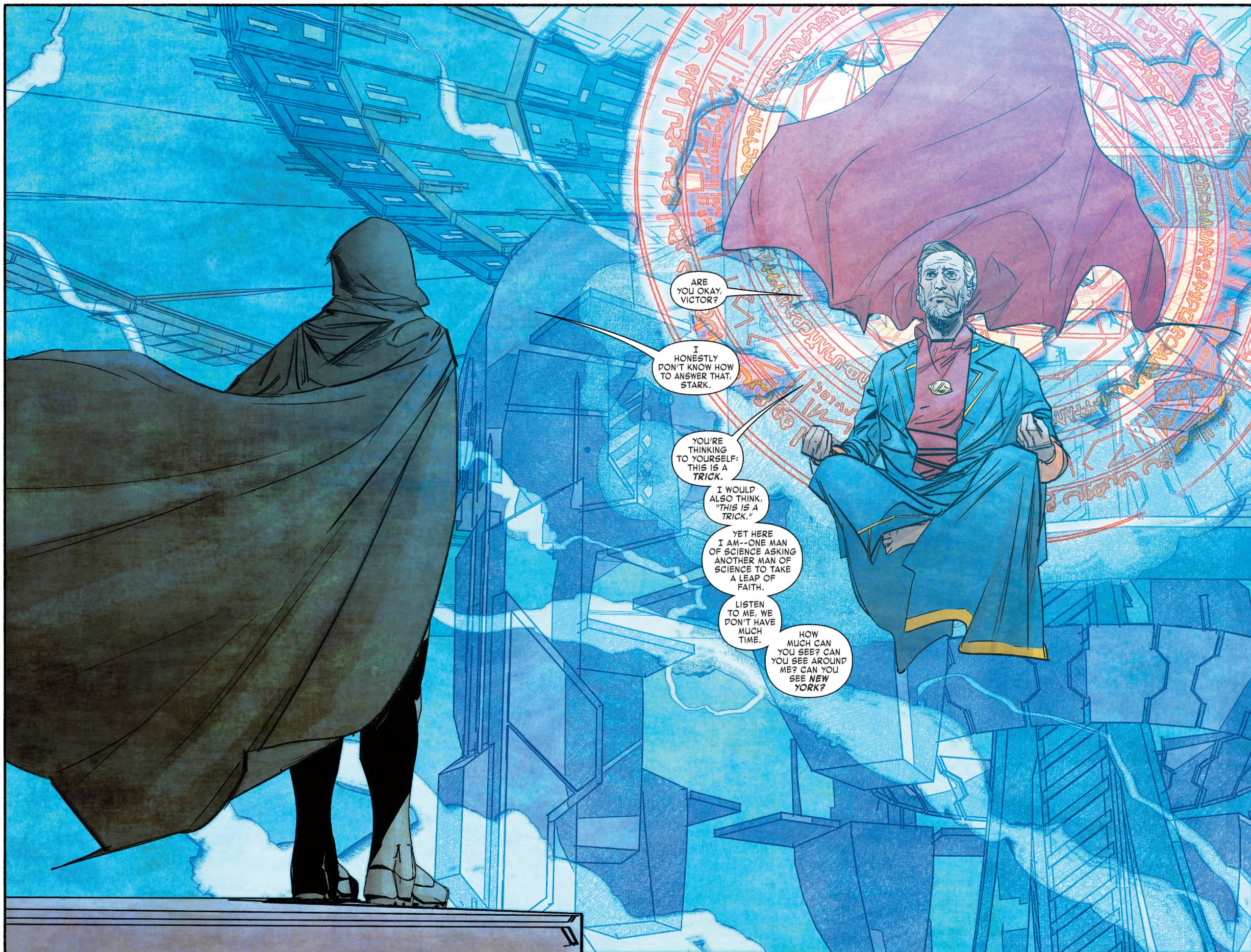
And that Reed has now tracked down Ben Grimm, A.K.A. the Thing—who's in charge of the S.H.I.E.L.D. investigation into Victor's recent activities—and asked him to kill their former archnemesis.

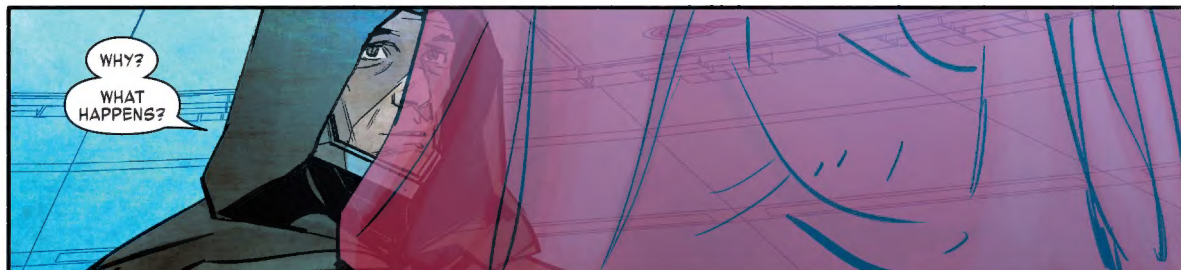
Meanwhile, an encounter with Tony Stark's successor, Ironheart, has transported Victor into a vision of the future in which Tony Stark became the Sorcerer Supreme!

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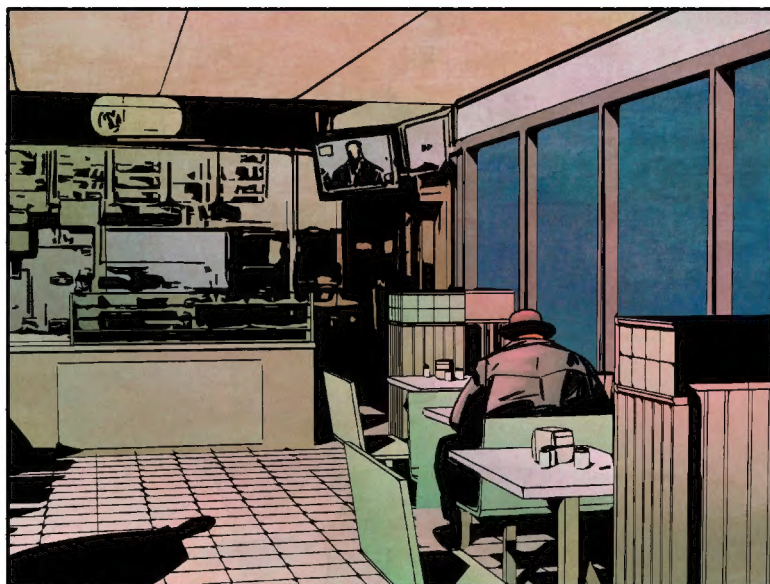
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IT'S DONE.

AW, NO!
YOU GUYS LOOKED SERIOUS.

IT JUST GOT TO BE TOO MUCH.

TOO MUCH HAIR IN THE DRAIN?



NO JOKE.

IT--IT WAS EVERYWHERE.

I SAID TO HER--I BET BLACK BOLT COULD SPEAK THIS ENTIRE TIME...HE JUST HAS A HAIRBALL LODGED IN HIS THROAT.

HA!



YOU SAID PAT? CAN'T IMAGINE WHY IT DIDN'T WORK OUT.

IT WAS NICE TO HEAR FROM YA.

YOU... UH, YOU HEAR ANYTHING FROM, UH, ANYONE ELSE?



ANYTHING ABOUT ANYTHING?

YEAH, OF COURSE...

Y'MEAN REEP AND SUE?



I'M ACTUALLY NOT SURE.

IT'S WHY I CALLED YA.

WHAT?

YA HEAR WHAT'S GOING ON WITH POOM?



YEAH, HE'S IRON MAN OR SOMETHING...

I'M WORKIN' WITH S.H.I.E.L.D. NOW.

I'M IN CHARGE OF TRACKIN' HIM DOWN.

GOOD.

THAT IDIOT IS USING TONY STARK'S TRAGEDY TO MAKE HIMSELF LOOK LIKE A GOOD GUY.

AND I WAS LISTENING TO TALK RADIO THE OTHER DAY AND SOME PEOPLE ARE FALLING FOR IT.

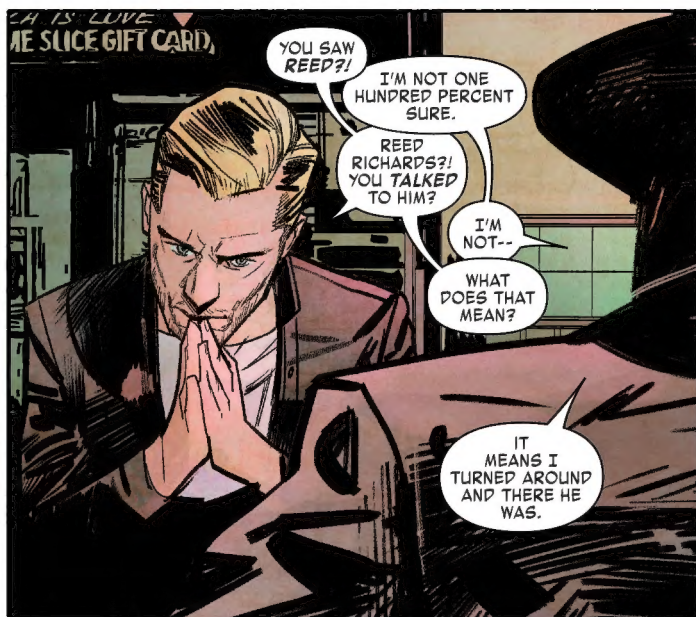


IT'S A WEIRD ONE.

EVEN FOR US.

AND, UH, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS, BUT LAST NIGHT...

...STRETCH MIGHT'A SHOWED UP IN MY HOTEL.



YOU SAW REED?!

I'M NOT ONE HUNDRED PERCENT SURE.

REED RICHARDS?! YOU TALKED TO HIM?

I'M NOT--

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

IT MEANS I TURNED AROUND AND THERE HE WAS.



IT LOOKED LIKE HIM. HE KNEW STUFF. HE KNEW STUFF ABOUT ME.

BUT HE WOULDN'T EVEN TALK ABOUT YOUR SISTER.

SUSAN...

WOULDN'T TALK ABOUT YOUR SISTER AND TOLD ME HE WANTS ME TO KILL VICTOR.



WHAT?

I KNOW, I SAID--

NO WAY REED SAYS THAT.

THAT'S WHAT I SAY.



YOU THINK IT WAS A SHAPE-SHIFTER OR ONE OF THOSE MENTAL MENTALLOS?

I PUNNO.

I WANTED TO KNOW IF YOU TALKED TO HIM OR ANYBODY, BUT CLEARLY YOU AIN'T.



YOU FIND THE CREEP WHO IS USING MY FAMILY TO GET TO YOU AND YOU LET ME KNOW WHERE HE IS.



YEAH, I JUST NEEDED TO HEAR YOU SAY HOW CRAZY THAT WAS.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

NO WAY REED EVER TELLS ME TO KILL SOMEONE. EVEN HIM.



HOW MANY TIMES HAS REED PHYSICALLY RESTRAINED YOU FROM KILLING DOOM?

YEAH.

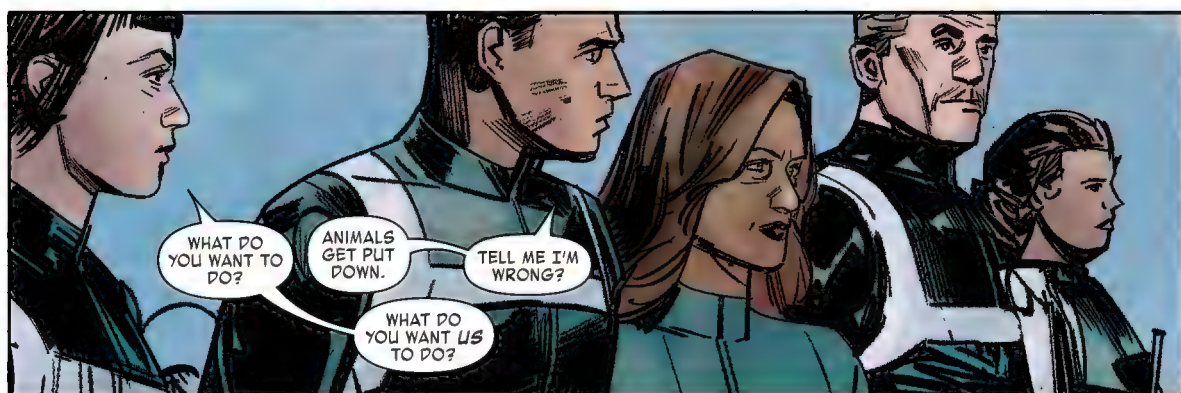
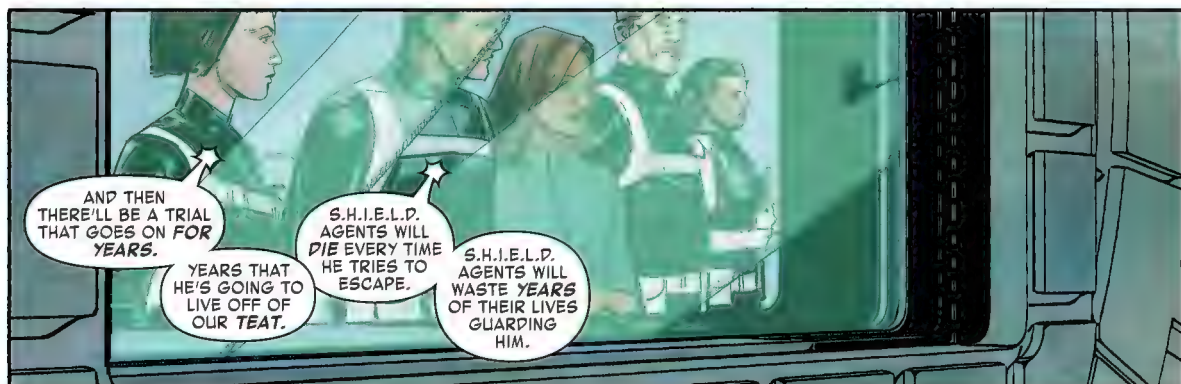
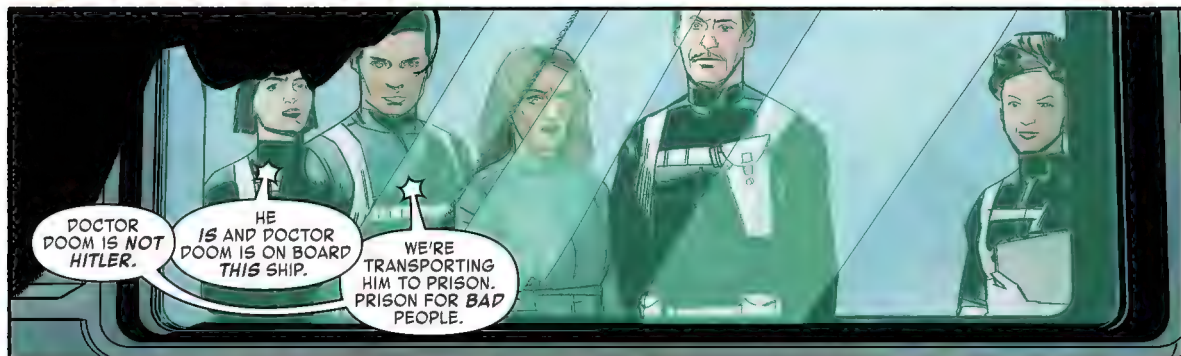
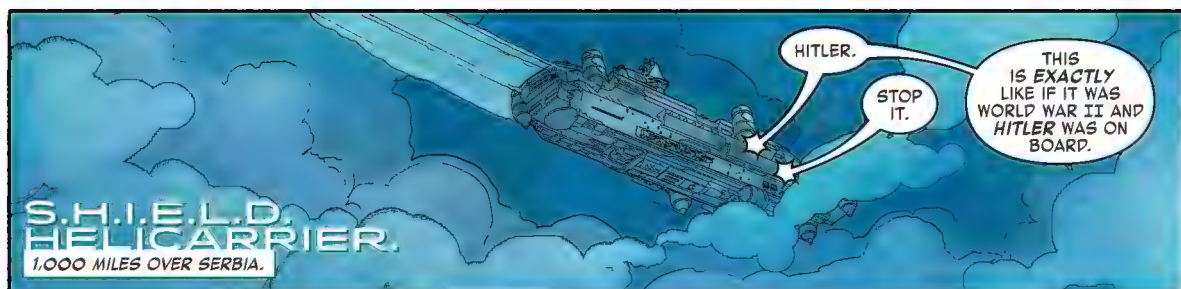
MAN, IT REALLY LOOKED LIKE REED. IT REALLY FELT REAL. AS REAL AS THIS.

HE KNEW THINGS ABOUT ME.

IF IT WASN'T REED, WHO WAS IT?









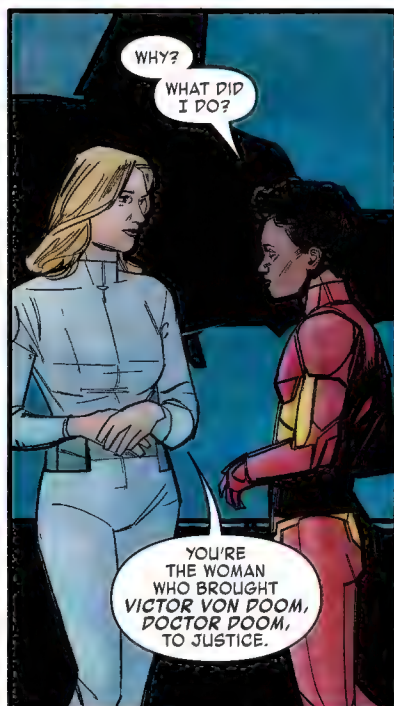
MISS WILLIAMS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

YOU HANDLED THAT PERFECTLY.

OH, GOOD.

YOU CAN SEE WHY I WOULD BE REALLY, REALLY SCARED.

DON'T GET TOO EXCITED, BUT I THINK IT'S ONLY FAIR TO WARN YOU THAT YOUR LIFE IS ABOUT TO CHANGE.



WHY?
WHAT DID I DO?

YOU'RE THE WOMAN WHO BROUGHT VICTOR VON DOOM, DOCTOR DOOM, TO JUSTICE.

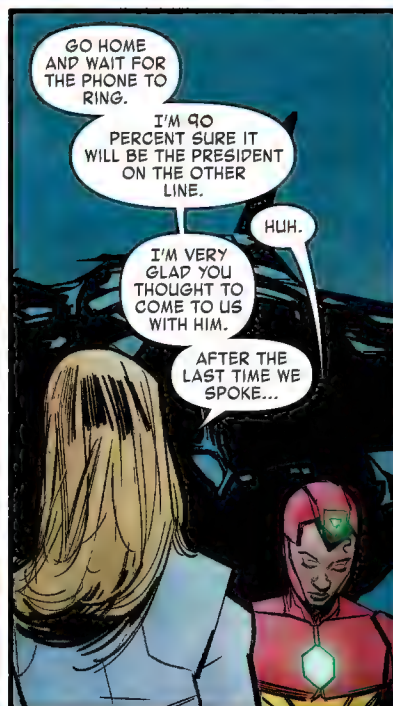


HE--HE FELL OVER IN FRONT OF ME.

YOU BROUGHT DR. DOOM TO JUSTICE.

THIS IS GLOBAL NEWS.

WHAT DO I DO?



GO HOME AND WAIT FOR THE PHONE TO RING.

I'M 90 PERCENT SURE IT WILL BE THE PRESIDENT ON THE OTHER LINE.

HUH.

I'M VERY GLAD YOU THOUGHT TO COME TO US WITH HIM.

AFTER THE LAST TIME WE SPOKE...



I MAY NOT LOVE THE WAY YOU GUYS DO WHAT YOU DO, BUT YOU ARE THE GUYS WHO DO THIS.

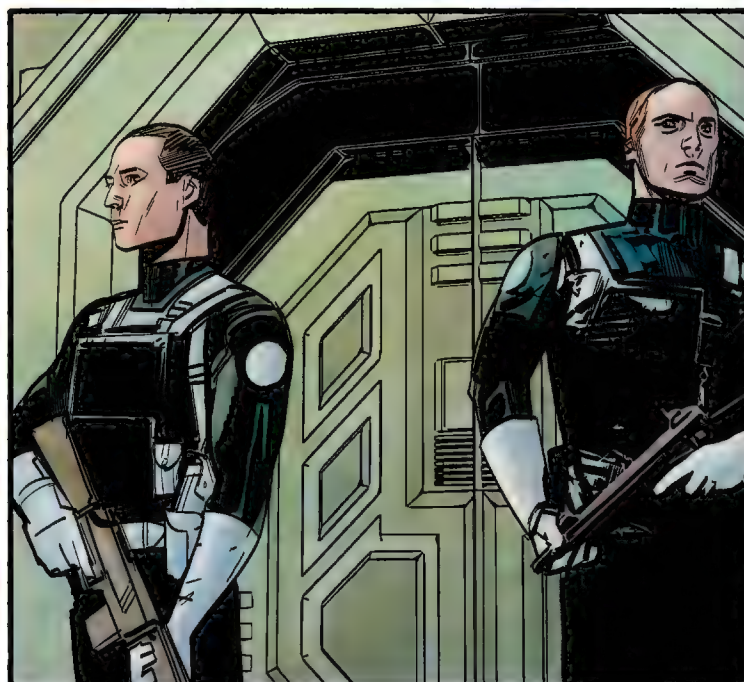
CONGRATULATIONS, MISS WILLIAMS. WE'LL SPEAK AGAIN.



WHERE IS HE?

HE'S HERE, AGENT GRIMM.

HE'S ON BOARD?

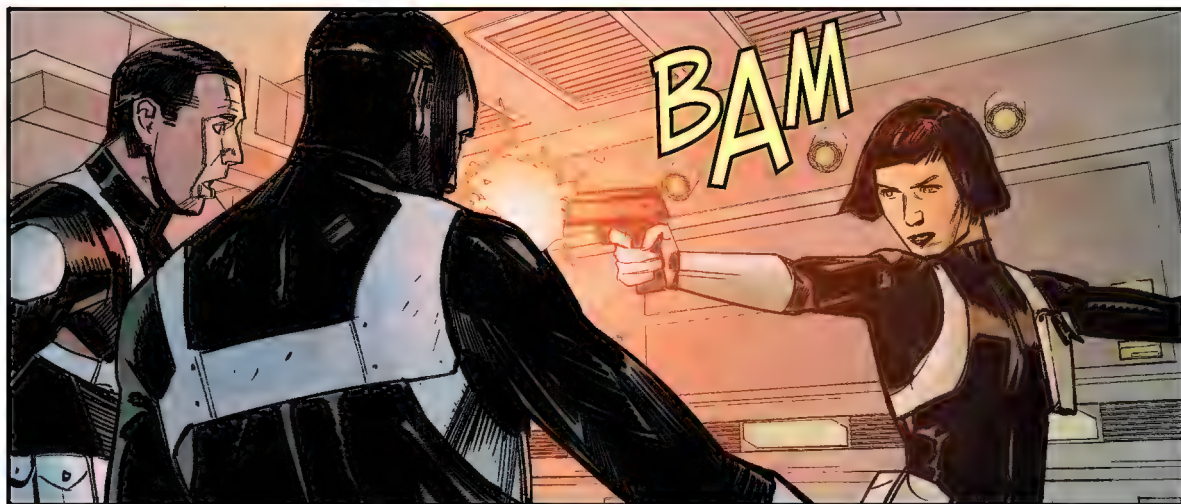
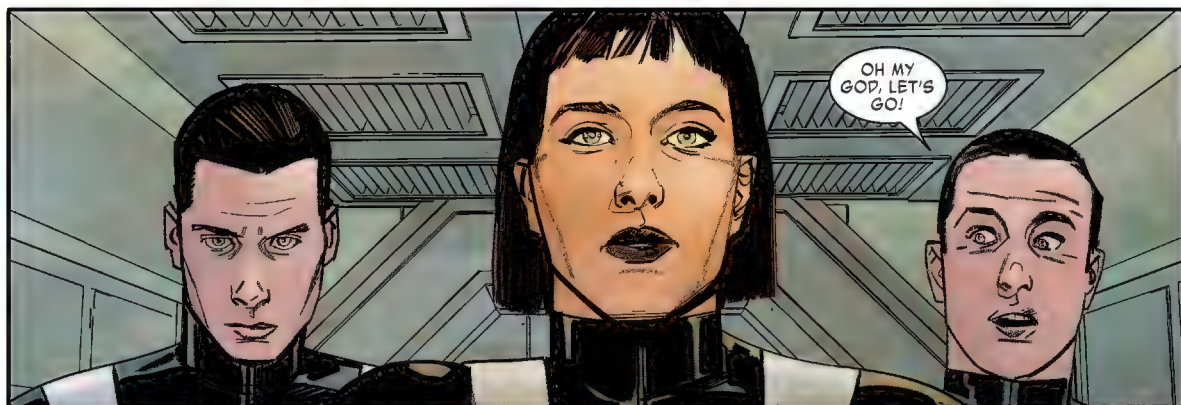


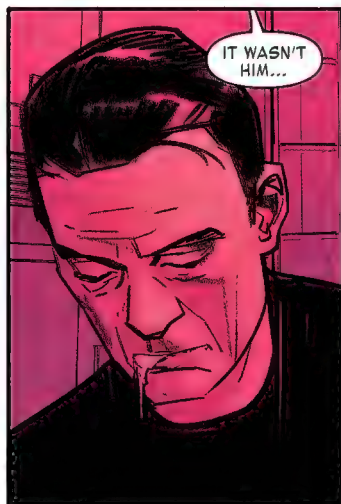
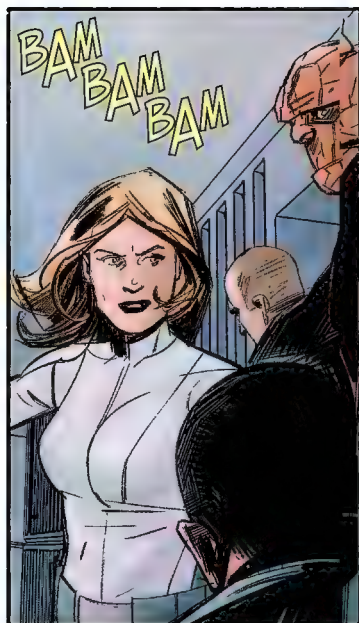
HEY, CHELSEA.

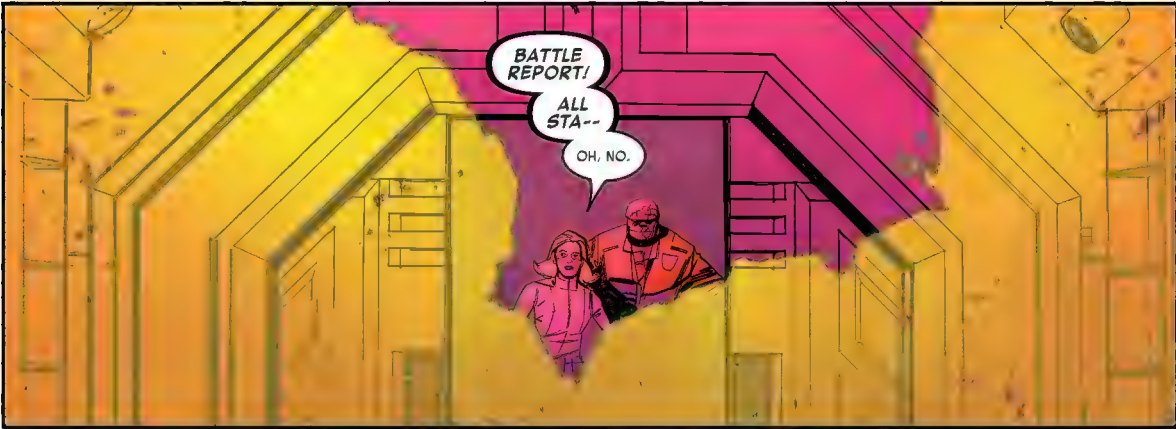
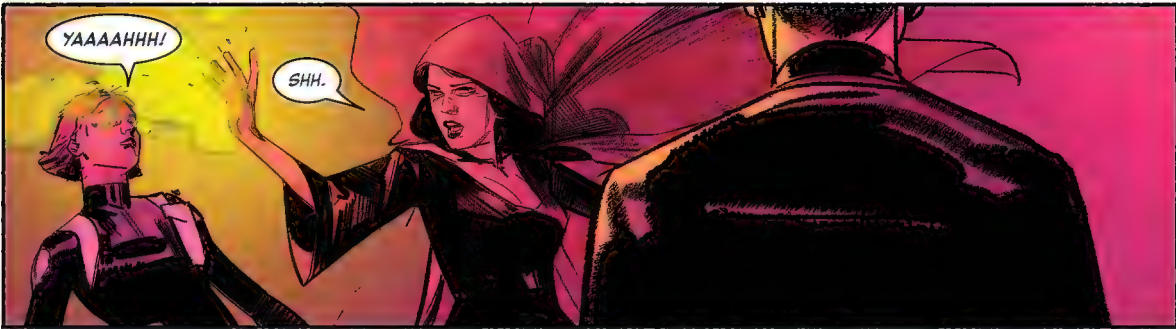
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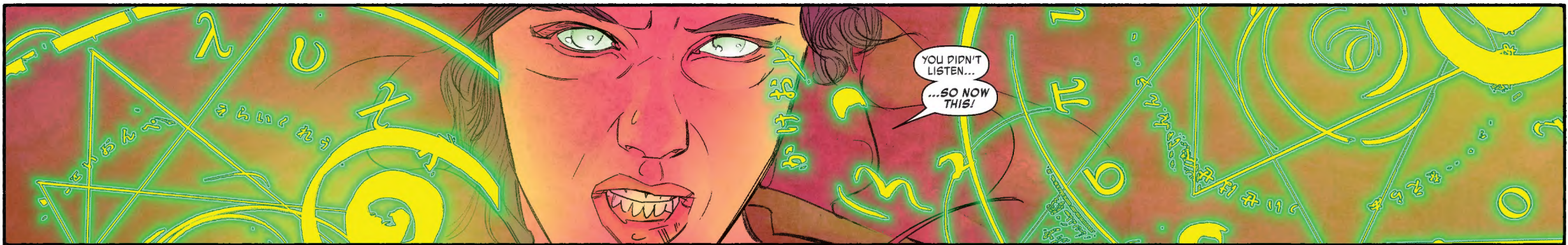
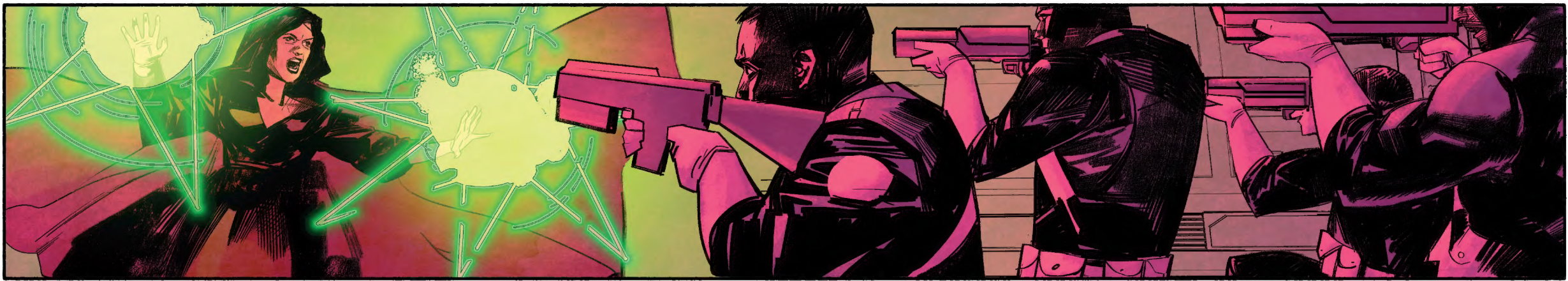
HEY, TODD.

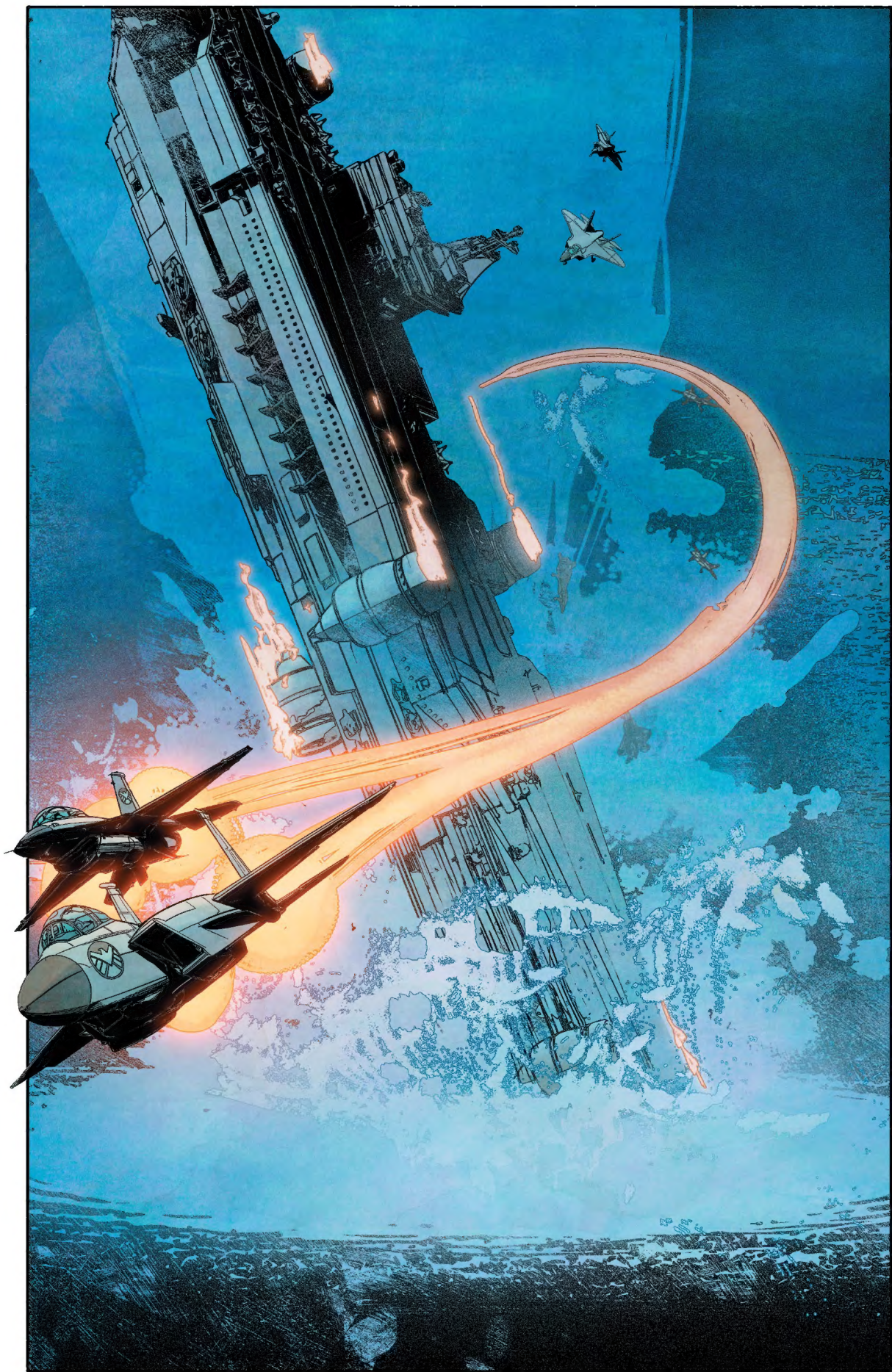














BEGONE,
ALL WHO
DARE...
OH.



FINALLY,
HE RISES.
GIVE
YOURSELF TIME,
VICTOR.
WH-WHAT
DID YOU
DO?
I DID WHAT
ALL MOTHERS
DO...
...I TOOK
CARE OF MY
BABY.



IS THIS
YOURS? IS
THIS WHERE
YOU LIVE?
YES.
THIS
IS MY WORK
AREA OVER
HERE...
YOU
RESCUED
ME.
OF
COURSE.
YOU DID
THE SAME FOR
ME, ONCE UPON
A TIME.
YOU
REALLY ARE
HER.



AND NOW
THAT YOU *FINALLY*
BEGIN TO BELIEVE ME,
I HAVE SOME THINGS IT
IS LONG PAST TIME
TO SHOW YOU...
I WILL
SHOW YOU
THE REAL, TRUE
BIRTHRIGHT OF
VICTOR VON
POOM.

TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT ISSUE:



MOTHER OF DOOM!